

**Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management
Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2014
Hyperion Learning Center
12000 Vista Del Mar, Playa del Rey, CA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Hildebrand (Los Angeles County Flood Control District), Chair
Leighanne Kirk for Rich Nagel (West Basin MWD), Chair, South Bay Sub-region
Rob Beste (City of Torrance), Vice-Chair, South Bay Sub-region
Randal Orton (Las Virgenes MWD), Chair, NSMB Sub-region
Barbara Cameron (City of Malibu), Vice Chair, NSMB Sub-region
Andy Niknafs for Dave Pettijohn (Department of Water and Power), Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Sub-region
Nancy Steele (Council for Watershed Health), Vice-Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Sub-region
Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster) Chair, Upper San Gabriel River Sub-region
Randy Schoellerman (Water Quality Authority) Vice-Chair, Upper San Gabriel River Sub-region
Jason Weeks for Robb Whitakker (WRD), Chair, Lower San Gabriel & Los Angeles Rivers Sub-region
Mark Stanley (Rivers and Mountains Conservancy) Vice-Chair, Lower San Gabriel & Los Angeles Rivers Sub-region
Tom Ford (SMBRC), Open Space WMA
Tony Zampielo (Raymond Basin), Groundwater WMA

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bryden, Russ (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Fowler, Virginia (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Huerta, Enrique (DAC Outreach)
Kennedy, Maria Elena (Kennedy Communications)
Paras, Rochelle (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Rojas, Esther (WRD)
Vergara, Marybeth (RMC/WCA)
Wang, Guangyu (SMBRC)
Werner, Heather (Stetson Engineers)
Zauner, Mary (County Sanitation Districts)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

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2. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

Motion to approve the May 14, 2014 meeting summary passed unanimously.

3. STEERING COMMITTEE & WMA REPORTS

Subregional steering committees did not meet this month therefore no report was provided.

Open Space - Tom Ford, SMBRC's new executive director was introduced. Tom talked about his experience with restoration studies, LID efforts and open space management.

Stormwater – It was announced that the Watershed Management Plans for MS4 permittees are due to the Regional Board this month. The deadline for the Coordinated Monitoring Plans is also forthcoming.

Groundwater – Tony Zampiello shared that the San Gabriel basin recently hit a historic low. The Main Basin Watermaster Board created an ad hoc committee consisting of local water retailers to strategize for the event that supply is curtailed.

Conservation - Gary Hildebrand shared that local spreading of stormwater is also below average.

4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

No update was provided. However, there was a brief discussion on the Wolk bill regarding the water bond and possible new restriction on IRWM Plans.

5. IRWM GRANTS UPDATE

Russ Bryden provided the following update:

Proposition 84 Planning Grant – The GLAC Region's Plan Update has been approved by DWR. Leadership Committee members as well as Local Project Sponsors' governing boards are required and on track to adopt the Plan by August 1, 2014. The Public Hearing for the Region's final adoption is scheduled for August 27, 2014, at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' headquarters.

Proposition 84, Round 1 – No issues to report. Reporting and invoicing is underway.

Proposition 84, Round 2 – Final draft of the agreement and its attachments have been reviewed and submitted to DWR. The District is on schedule to request Board approval to accept the grant and execute agreements/MOUs on July 8, 2014.

Proposition 50 – Reallocation amendment has not been received from DWR.

6. PROPOSITION 84, 2014 IRWM DROUGHT SOLICITATION

Russ Bryden reported that the consultants are on track to complete the grant application and submit it to DWR by the July 21, 2014 deadline.

7. DAC ITEMS – DAC COORDINATOR POSITION

Marybeth Vergara and Mark Stanley did a presentation on the DAC Committee's accomplishments, future work, and proposal to retain the DAC Coordinator for another year for \$70,000. Discussion ensued on enhancing the list of accomplishments, DAC project development, and overall funding needs of the Region. The scope of work for the DAC Coordinator was also discussed and it was suggested that the group revisit the Region's vision and expectations for this position.

A motion was made to extend the DAC Coordinator's current contract for three months for up to \$12,000, at which time the subregions can provide input on a more extensive review of the scope of work and goals. This item is to be brought back to the Leadership Committee for open discussion at the conclusion of the three months. In addition, the Leadership Committee will discuss the use of the remaining funds in the escrow account. Motion passed unanimously.

8. FLOODSAFE QUESTIONNAIRE

Russ Bryden shared that CH2M HILL is assisting the DWR on the Statewide Flood Management Plan (SFMP) Phase 2. As part of its FloodSAFE Initiative, DWR created the SFMP Program to help guide state decisions and inform federal decisions about policies and financial investments related to Integrated Water Management (IWM) throughout the State. During this second phase, the SFMP Program will produce the Public Review Draft of *California's Water Management Investment Strategy: Using an Integrated Water Management Approach for a Sustainable Future*, which will provide recommendations for improving IWM and financing its implementation. A factsheet that describes the purpose of the California Water Management Investment Strategy was distributed to the group.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. FUTURE AGENDA/OTHER ITEMS

- DAC Coordinator Contract

11. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2014 at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Headquarters.